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Mr. Dave Palazzi Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) P.O. Box 47001 Olympia, WA 98504-7001

RE: Comments on April 2009 Draft Cherry Point Resource Protection and Management Plan

Dear Mr. Palazzi:

Intalco Aluminum Corporation again appreciates the opportunity to comment on the April 2009 draft of the Cherry Point Resource Protection and Management Plan. Based upon direction from Mr. David Roberts in his April 5, 2009 e-mail communication, Intalco is not providing a detailed response on the plan at this time but instead will wait for future public comment periods.

Intalco remains concerned over the scope and definition of the "Cherry Point Resource Area" and the proposed structure and role of the Cherry Point Resource Managers Group (CPRMG). The comments associated with these issues are detailed in Intalco's response to the draft Cherry Point Framework document submitted to the DNR on January 23, 2009.

Intalco also remains concerned that some of the statements in the draft management plan remain speculative in nature and are not fully substantiated and/or supported by scientific data. Statements of this type, if included in a formal management plan could lead to unintended consequences and/or mismanagement of the area. Intalco, as always, remains fully committed to the protection and proper management of the Cherry Point aquatic habitat, but also realizes that it must be done utilizing sound scientific principles and data to be effective in achieving the desired results.

Sincerely

Mike F. Rousseau

President